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SUBJECT: Approved Prevailing Wage Rates for Logging; 2002 - 2003

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1. **Purpose.** To announce the approved prevailing wage rates for the 2002 - 2003 Logging season pertaining to Applications for Temporary Alien Certification. These prevailing wage rates apply to the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Northern New York.
2. **References.** 2001 Northeast Regional Woods Wage Survey.
3. **Background.** As in past years, the Maine ES agency submitted 2001 ETA-232 wage survey reports and other documents covering logging occupations in which contract alien workers (H-2) were employed. Those reports and documents have been reviewed, and prevailing wage rate findings, which are also applicable in New Hampshire, Vermont and Northern New York, have been determined.
4. **Action Required.** State should publish and distribute the wage rate findings and related information, and inform all appropriate staff involved in logging activities of the changes in wages. See Section IV of this issuance regarding findings continued from last season. Attached are the findings from the 2001 survey for woodcutting and support occupations, listed by computer code as assigned by the Maine agency. All piece rate findings (i.e., per tholbs, per cord, per MBF) for woodcutting occupations apply only to employers using an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) "Accountability Plan Option" for chain saw allowance reimbursement. Employers using an IRS "Nonaccountable Plan Option" need to add the applicable chain saw allowance (see Section IV below) to the prevailing wage rate finding.
5. **Inquiries.** Direct inquiries to Susan Sanders of my staff at (617) 565-2190.

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Attachment